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Elections in November

The elections in November will fix the political character of the next House of Representatives. On the 1st, the State and Congressional elections will occur in Louisiana. On the 24, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Michigan and Illinois are to elect State Officers and members of the Thirty-Sixth Congress; on the 3d, Maryland votes; on the 4th, Wisconsin, and on the 9th, Delaware.

Illinois elects 9, Massachusetts 11, Michigan 4, New Jersey 5, and New York 33 Members of Congress, a total of 62 in the five States. The delegations from these States in the present Congress stand Republicans 41, Buchanan 19. A Republican gain is anticipated.

### Pennsylvania Election—Official.

The official vote on the State ticket in Pennsylvania gives, for Supreme Judge, a majority of 27,023 over Porter, and Frazer for Canal Commissioner, a majority of 25,284 over Ernest. The vote of the State is 6,018 over the vote for Governor in 1857. Such a victory over the Democracy of Pennsylvania has seldom been recorded.

On the question of Buchanan and Opposition, the Members of Congress elect stand 23 to 22. Florence and Dumnick are the only true blue Backs. Schwartz of Berks, Hickman of Chester, and Montgomery of Washington, are Democrats, but not Buchanan men. It is said they will not even vote for an Administration Speaker of the House.

### Minnesota Election.

St. Paul papers of the 20th express confidence that the Republicans have carried the State Legislature, and will have a majority on joint ballot if not in both branches. Of the 80 members of the House, so far as heard from, the Republicans have elected 33 and the Democrats 28, being a net Republican gain of five members. Of the 20 members of the Senate, far as heard the Republicans have elected 10 and the Democrats 6—a net Republican gain of one. The "Press" says the Republican majority in the House cannot be far from six to ten—it may be more.

### South Carolina Ejection.

Why don't the Democratic organs shout about South Carolina? It is all their own, and about all they have got of the elections of 1858. The old members of the House from that State were all re-elected at the late election, except Col. Orr, who despaired the honor. The South Carolina delegation in the next Congress will be McQueen, Miles, Keitt, Bonham, Boyce and Asa Moore, all intensely Democratic and pro-slavery enough to lead the Democratic doughties from the Free States. Won't the Dealer crew?

### The Fourth Ohio District.

The statement of the Cincinnati Gazette's correspondent, touching the vote for William Ellis in Shelby county, was not quite correct. The votes were given for William Allen, and were counted and returned for William Allen, the Democratic candidate. They were certified by the County Clerk as having been cast for Allen, and Mr. Nichols will not claim the seat upon the grounds of the defect of the return from McLain township. It is stated that investigations already made, show that sufficient fraudulent votes cast for Allen, can be thrown out to give the seat to Mr. Nichols, and the Republicans are determined to contest the election if Mr. Allen receives the certificate.

### The Democratic Pyramid:

Won't the Dealer again bring out the Democratic Pyramid it was once so fond of flaunting in the face of political opponents? It needs an airing, let the dust of oblivion cover it! The old fox was Pennsylvania, the apex—Ohio—South Carolina and Cuba will do now, as what little is left has a decided Southerner inclination, and nothing else.

### Personal.

John H. Harmon, for twenty years a prominent citizen of Detroit, is about to remove to St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. H. is a son of the venerable Ohio editor and printer, John Harmon, of Portage county, and in addition to holding the offices of Mayor of Detroit and Collector of Customs, for some years was editor of the Detroit Free Press and State Printer of Michigan. The citizens of Detroit, without respect to party, tendered him a parting public dinner, which was declined on account of pressing personal engagements.

The Rev. Theodore Parker, of Boston, has been confined by sickness for some days, but is recovering.

Gen. Chase is announced to speak in Chicago, Tuesday evening. Other appointments in different parts of the State are announced.

### A Whole Family Burned to Death.

Mr. Huram Robinson, his wife, and two children, were consumed with a house in the vicinity of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 19th inst. The family had just moved in, and it is supposed the fire caught in the night from a stove pipe while all were asleep. The neighbors knew nothing of the fire until the morning, when they found that Mr. Robinson's house had disappeared. On going to the spot, nothing was to be seen but a heap of ashes and four half-consumed bodies. They were found near where the door had been, indicating that the unfortunate inmates were awakened but suffocated before reaching it.

### Friendship Mattered in Cincinnati.

Circumstantial judging from the newspapers in that city, it is a city of more crime than any other of its population on this continent. On the 21st, Augustus Ward, a notorious criminal and ruffian who has served a term in the Penitentiary, on slight provocation stabbed a quiet man named John L. Mortimer in the leg in the public street, and as he fell to the pavement on his hands and knees, the fiend seized his victim by the hair and struck his knife into his back, inflicting an almost instantly fatal blow. Mortimer had a wife and two children. Ward was committed for the murder, and narrowly escaped a Lynch execution. He had just come out of a drinking hell, prepared to commit murder. The Gazette significantly says:

### Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The Great Lodge of the Masonic Order of Ohio was in session at Columbus last week—the attendance was large, some five hundred representatives of the Order being present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

M. W. Horace M. Stokes, Grand Master, Lebanon.  
R. W. Jonathan N. Burr, Deputy Grand Master, Mt. Vernon.  
R. W. James Williams, Senior Grand Warden, Columbus.  
W. R. George Webster, Junior Grand Warden, Steepleville.  
H. W. Flavus J. Phillips, Grand Treasurer, Georgetown.

R. W. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary, Cincinnati.

The Grand Lodge is to meet again on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1859, at Columbus.

**Stone and Pearl Orrery Boxes.**—The store of Mr. Hollister, a Hauser, Licking county, was robbed of a quantity of goods a few nights since. The Post Office, kept in the store, was robbed of the loose change, and the letters were all opened. Some \$600 in money and goods were taken. John L. Harrington, a horse thief just out of the Penitentiary, was arrested, and a quantity of the silk goods and a bag of Post Office coin were found in his possession. On Sunday he got married, and the fiam of his wife in the stolen silk led to suspicion and a short honey moon.

**Sad Casualty.**—Mr. Levi Booth of Bridgewater, Pa., brother of Mr. E. T. Booth, of Painesville, while attempting to cross the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Bridge at the mouth of the Beaver on Thursday, fell between the ties and was instantly killed.

### A Good Job.

We are glad to see that the work of Mac Admiring the Plank Road between Cleveland and Newburgh is progressing slowly, it is true, but surely. The Company is devoting the current tolls collected to the improvement, and about two and a half miles are completed. The planks are taken up, and the broken stone filled in to the depth of some ten inches, the track being slightly rounded in the centre. The Newburgh stone is used, and it is of so hard a quality that the road will be durable, and once made can be kept in good repair at a comparatively slight expense.

### Post office for Abroad.

The Potato crop in the Lake region is a tolerably good one, and the growers are finding a brisk fall market at fifty cents a bushel by the quantity. The demand is principally for the Pittsburgh, Wheeling, &c., markets, the crop in the interior of the State and along the upper Ohio being a failure. Car loads are daily transported over the Cleveland and Pittsburgh road, from the Potato fields of Lorain, Lake, &c., counties. Several hundred barrels of Detroit have taken the same route, the price at Pittsburgh and Wheeling ranging at about \$0 to \$10 cents per bushel. At Columbus Potatoes are quoted at 75 cents to \$1.00.

### Execution of a Woman.

To hang a man is revolting—to hang a woman is horrible. The latter scene was witnessed at Danville, Pa., on the 22d inst. Mrs. Twiggs, the woman executed, protested her innocence down to the very moment when the fatal drop fell, and she may have been innocent, for she was convicted on circumstantial evidence alone, and circumstances as well as living witnesses often testify falsely. Imprisonment for life would have been more in keeping with humanity and right, than the gallows which had already ended the life of one of the alleged murderers. The Bulletin's despatch says:

Mrs. Twiggs was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Catherine Ann Clark, by poisoning with arsenic. The husband of Mrs. Clark was tried for her death, and was found guilty, filling up blank bills and other operations, was perfect. Under these combined influences the worst part of his character was developed. And while the intellectual was rendered more acute, penetrating and confident, the moral perception was blunted, chilled and corrupted. He tried to place his friends under the protection of the law, and his wife under the best engineers and founders in that region, and where Mrs. Twiggs' acquaintance with the manufacturing of bad money—filling up blank bills and other operations, was perfect. Under these combined influences the worst part of his character was developed. And while the intellectual was rendered more acute, penetrating and confident, the moral perception was blunted, chilled and corrupted. 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